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2      1. A cover for a safety restraint device for use in a vehicle, the cover comprising:  
3      a face portion capable of being positioned between the safety restraint device and  
4      an interior compartment of the vehicle, the face portion comprising an exterior side facing  
5      away from the safety restraint device; and

6      a seam formed in the face portion, the seam comprising a nonlinear portion having  
7      a first end and a second end, the nonlinear portion comprising a plurality of bends in  
8      consecutively alternating directions.

9      2. The cover of claim 1, further comprising an outer layer affixed to the exterior side  
10     of the face portion.

11     3. The cover of claim 1, wherein the bends are adjacent to each other, exclusive of  
12     any linear segment therebetween.

13     4. The cover of claim 1, wherein the seam further comprises a linear segment  
14     disposed between and adjacent to two of the bends.

15     5. The cover of claim 1, wherein the nonlinear portion further comprises a first  
16     linear segment positioned proximate the first end of the nonlinear portion.

17     6. The cover of claim 5, wherein the nonlinear portion further comprises a second  
18     linear segment positioned proximate the second end of the nonlinear portion.

19     7. The cover of claim 6, wherein the nonlinear portion further comprises a nonlinear  
20     segment positioned between the first and second linear segments.

- 1        8. The cover of claim 1, wherein the nonlinear portion further comprises a plurality  
2        of pairs of bends, each pair comprising two bends oriented in the same direction, the pairs  
3        oriented in consecutively alternating directions.
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- 5        9. The cover of claim 1, wherein the bends are substantially sharp corners.
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- 7        10. The cover of claim 1, wherein the bends are of nonuniform size and shape.
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- 9        11. The cover of claim 1, wherein the seam further comprises:  
10        a first side portion substantially perpendicular to the first end of the nonlinear  
11        portion; and  
12        a second side portion substantially perpendicular to the second end of the nonlinear  
13        portion.
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- 15        12. The cover of claim 11, wherein the first side portion is adjacent to the first end  
16        of the nonlinear portion, and the second side portion is adjacent to the second end of the  
17        nonlinear portion.
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- 19        13. The cover of claim 12, wherein the first and second side portions are  
20        substantially linear.
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- 22        14. The cover of claim 1, wherein ~~the face portion is formed by single-shot~~  
23        construction and wherein ~~the face portion operates exclusive of an outer layer.~~
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1       15. The cover of claim 14, wherein the seam is further formed in an interior side of  
2       the face portion, the interior side facing toward the safety restraint device, and wherein the  
3       exterior side of the face portion comprises a cosmetic surface.

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16. A cover for a safety restraint device for use in a vehicle, the cover comprising:  
2 a face portion positionable between the safety restraint device and an interior  
3 compartment of the vehicle, the face portion comprising an exterior side facing away from  
4 the safety restraint device; and

5 a seam formed in the face portion, the seam comprising a nonlinear portion, the  
6 nonlinear portion comprising a plurality of bends in consecutively alternating directions, the  
7 bends being adjacent to each other and substantially exclusive of any linear segment  
8 therebetween.

17. The cover of claim 16, wherein the seam further comprises:  
11 a first end; and  
12 a second end positioned opposite the first end.

18. The cover of claim 17, wherein the seam further comprises:  
15 a first side portion adjacent and substantially perpendicular to the first end of the  
16 nonlinear portion, the first side portion being substantially linear; and  
17 a second side portion adjacent and substantially perpendicular to the second end of  
18 the nonlinear portion, the second side portion being substantially linear.

19. The cover of claim 18, further comprising an outer layer affixed to the exterior  
21 side of the face portion.

20. The cover of claim 18, wherein the face portion is formed by single-shot  
24 construction, and wherein the face portion operates exclusive of an outer layer.

1           21. A cover for a safety restraint device for use in a vehicle, the cover comprising:  
2           a face portion positionable between the safety restraint device and an interior  
3           compartment of the vehicle, the face portion comprising an exterior side facing away from  
4           the safety restraint device; and

5           a seam formed in the face portion, the seam comprising:

6           a nonlinear portion having a first end and a second end, the nonlinear portion  
7           comprising a plurality of bends in consecutively alternating directions, the bends  
8           being adjacent to each other and substantially exclusive of any linear segment  
9           therebetween;

10           a first side portion adjacent and substantially perpendicular to the first end of  
11           the nonlinear portion, the first side portion being substantially linear; and

12           a second side portion adjacent and substantially perpendicular to the second  
13           end of the nonlinear portion, the second side portion being substantially linear.

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15           22. The cover of claim 21, further comprising an outer layer affixed to the exterior  
16           side of the face portion.

17           23. The cover of claim 21, wherein the face portion is formed by single-shot  
18           construction, and wherein the face portion operates exclusive of an outer layer.

1                   24. A method for making a cover for a safety restraint device for use in a vehicle,  
2 the method comprising:

3                   providing a face portion adapted to be installed between the safety restraint device  
4 and an interior compartment of the vehicle, the face portion comprising an exterior side  
5 facing away from the safety restraint device; and

6                   forming a seam in the face portion, the seam having a nonlinear portion with a first  
7 end and a second end, the nonlinear portion comprising a plurality of bends in consecutively  
8 alternating directions.

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10                 25. The method of claim 24, further comprising affixing an outer layer to the face  
11 portion, over the seam.

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13                 26. The method of claim 24, further comprising forming a cosmetic surface in the  
14 exterior side, wherein the seam is formed on an interior side of the face portion, the interior  
15 side facing toward the safety restraint device.

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17                 27. The method of claim 24, further comprising forming a first side portion adjacent  
18 and substantially perpendicular to the first end of the nonlinear portion, the first side portion  
19 being substantially linear.

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21                 28. The method of claim 27, further comprising forming a second side portion  
22 adjacent and substantially perpendicular to the second end of the nonlinear portion, the  
23 second side portion being substantially linear and parallel to the first side portion.

1                   29. The method of claim 28, wherein the seam comprises a recessed portion of the  
2 face portion, the recessed portion having a thickness smaller than an average thickness of the  
3 face portion.

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